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Women Rural Co-ordinators
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed/proposes to appoint women rural co-ordinators to ensure socio-economic development of women in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) whether such projects are likely to be launched in the tribal areas as well;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the aforementioned proposal/plan is likely to benefit the rural women?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Deendayal AntyodayaYojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) with a mandate to focus on poor rural households to ensure their socio-economic development in rural areas including tribal areas. 10-20 poor women from the rural households are organized to form self-help groups (SHGs), 10-20 SHGs are aggregated/ federated into village level organization (VO), 25-40VOs are aggregated to form cluster level federation (CLF). DAY-NRLM has promoted 28.88 lakh SHGs covering about 3.40 crore poor households. These SHGs are aggregated to form 1.55 lakhs Village Organisation and 11460 Cluster Level Federations. Under DAY-NRLM, the State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs), which are implementing the programme in the states, are setting up Block Mission Management Units (BMMUs) that include area coordinators and cluster coordinators in select blocks to mobilize support to poor women. Women Activists (approximately 2 women activist per village) are also identified in the villages for facilitating the implementation of the programme. The programme is being presently implemented in a phased manner in all States and four Union Territories, and envisages universal coverage of rural poor households by 2024-25. A statement giving State-wise number of professionals working as Block Project Managers/Area-Coordinators/Cluster-Coordinators and the number of Community cadre is enclosed as Annexure-I.

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